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1. MINHEALTH REPORTS THAT FINAL PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO USSR HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTER PETROVSKIY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY TOMORROW, AUGUST 22. EMBASSY WILL CABLE PROGRAM AND SUGGESTED GUEST LIST FOR SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF FINAL PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE TASHKENT VARIANT.

2. FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION SUFFICIENT FOR ABOUT 150 GUESTS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS GUEST LIST OF 100 SOVIETS PLUS WIVES. ALLOWING FOR THE USUAL 10-20 PERCENT NO-SHOWS OF PRINCIPALS AND FOR AVERAGE TURN-OUT OF ONLY 20-30 PERCENT OF SPOUSES, FINAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES WILL THEN APPROXIMATE 150, INCLUDING SECRETARY'S PARTY, EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND CORRESPONDENTS. BECAUSE OF CHANGED ITINERARY, AND SINCE SECRETARY'S PARTY NOW FLYING TO TASHKENT EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 3, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO RESCHEDULE SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 6. ACTUALLY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS

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THIS TO BE MORE FAVORABLE TIMING FOR RECEPTION BECAUSE IT

WILL BE LAST EVENING IN USSR AND MOST OF GUESTS WILL ALREADY BE KNOWN TO SECRETARY THROUGH PRIOR OFFICIAL VISITS TO THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

3. CLOTHING: THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR FORMAL CLOTHING FOR THE MEN OR LADIES. MEN SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING ONE MEDIUM-WEIGHT DARK SUIT FOR EVENING WEAR AND ONE OR MORE LIGHT-WEIGHT SUITS FOR DAYTIME WEAR. DURING DAY, WEATHER HAS RECENTLY BEEN MODERATELY WARM IN MOSCOW WITH AFTERNOON THUNDERSHOWERS (RAINCOATS SHOULD BE BROUGHT). TEMPERATURES DROP IN EVENING, BUT NOT SO MUCH AS TO REQUIRE COATS. LADIES, HOWEVER, MAY WISH TO BRING LIGHT SHOULDER WRAP OR SWEATER. LADIES SHOULD ALSO BRING COCKTAIL DRESS (SHORT OR ANKLE LENGTH, BOTH ARE APPROPRIATE) FOR THE OFFICIAL EVENING RECEPTIONS. IN TASHKENT AREA, TEMPERATURES WILL BE HIGHER, REQUIRING COMFORTABLE LIGHT-WEIGHT CLOTHING.

4. RE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT (PREF B), EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION IN SUBMITTING TEXT OF SOVIETS FOR THEIR COMMENTS. WE WOULD PREFER TO DO SO, HOWEVER, ONLY AFTER FINAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER. EMBASSY HAS ONLY TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR HEW CONSIDERATIONS. IN PARA TWO OF STATEMENT, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON SUMMIT-CHARACTER OF AGREEMENT BY RE-WORDING SUCH AS "... PROGRESS TO DATE UNDER THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, SIGNED MAY 23, 1972, DURING THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE USSR." ALSO, THERE IS SLIGHT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN PARAS FOUR AND FIVE. IN PARA FOUR, IT IS STATED THAT "... ACTIVITIES TO DATE HAVE ESTABLISHED A SOUND METHODOLOGICAL BASIS FOR US-USSR HEALTH COOPERATION. THIS BASIS WILL FORM THE PATTERN ON WHICH A LONG-RANGE COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM WILL BE BUILT." THEN IN PARA FIVE, IT IS SAID THAT "AS EXPERIENCE IS GAINED IN THE METHODOLOGY NECESSARY TO MAKE COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES PROFITABLE. . ."

5. IN DEFERENCE TO UZBEK HOSTS, SECRETARY MAY ALSO WISH TO MENTION BRIEFLY HIS VISIT TO TASHKENT AREA IN JOINT STATEMENT.

6. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MINISTER YELYUTIN WILL NOT BE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOSCOW DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. IN THAT CASE, MEETING WILL BE WITH FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER KRASNOV.

7. RE PARA 7(A) OF REF A, EMBASSY HAS INDICATED TO MINHEALTH THAT SECRETARY WOULD ENJOY PERFORMANCE OF "SWAN LAKE" AT BOLSHOI BALLET SEPTEMBER 1, WHICH IS OPENING NIGHT OF THE BOLSHOI SEASON.
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